

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended) A container for holding a product, ~~preferably a product in pieces, in particular an edible product, such as sweets, chocolates, comfits and the like;~~ the container ~~consisting of~~ comprising a retaining body (11) and ~~comprising~~ side product retaining means and at least one outlet opening (25) through which the product comes out; ~~the container being characterised in that the container body having is a tubular shape container body with a polygonal base; and in that in practice there are container-closing means, consisting of a lid (26) for closing the product outlet opening, the lid~~ closing means extending from the container body and being connected to it.

Claim 2 (currently amended) The container according to ~~the preamble to~~ claim 1, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the container body has a polygonal base.

Claim 3 (currently amended) The container according to ~~either of the foregoing claims claim 1,~~ wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the container body has a hexagonal base.

Claim 4 (currently amended) The container according to ~~any of the foregoing claims claim 1,~~ wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the container body has a polygonal base with regular sides.

Claim 5 (currently amended) The container according to ~~any of the foregoing claims claim 1,~~ wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the container body comprises a front wall (18).

Claim 6 (currently amended) The container according to ~~any of the foregoing claims claim 1,~~ wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the container body comprises a rear wall (12).

Claim 7 (currently amended) The container according to ~~any of the foregoing claims claim 1,~~ wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the container body comprises a pair of front side walls ~~(16, 20).~~

Claim 8 (currently amended) The container according to ~~any of the foregoing claims~~ claim 5, ~~characterised in that the~~ comprising front side walls each of which extend from the side of the front wall (18).

Claim 9 (currently amended) The container according to ~~any of the foregoing claims~~ claim 1, ~~wherein characterised in that~~ the container body comprises a pair of rear side walls (14, 22).

Claim 10 (currently amended) The container according to ~~any of the foregoing claims~~ claim 6, ~~characterised in that the~~ comprising rear side walls which each extend from the side of the rear wall (12).

Claim 11 (currently amended) The container according to ~~any of the foregoing claims~~ claim 11, ~~characterised in that the~~ comprising rear side walls ~~are~~ joined to the front side walls (16, 20).

Claim 12 (currently amended) The container according to ~~any of the foregoing claims~~ claim 11, ~~characterised in that~~ comprising at least one outer walls forms an obtuse angle, ~~that is to say, an angle above 90°~~ with an adjacent outer wall.

Claim 13 (currently amended) The container according to ~~any of the foregoing claims~~ claim 11, ~~characterised in that it comprises~~ comprising a base wall (24) for retaining the product in the container.

Claims 14-15 (cancelled)

Claim 16 (currently amended) The container according to ~~claim 1 14 or 15~~, ~~characterised in that the~~ wherein the closing means ~~for closing the container~~ comprise a closing wall (28) which extends transversally.

Claim 17 (currently amended) The container according to ~~claim 16~~, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the closing wall (28) of the closing means is flat.

Claim 18 (currently amended) The container according to claim 16 ~~or 17~~, characterised ~~in that~~ wherein the lid closing wall (28) extends from ~~the~~ a rear wall of the container body.

Claim 19 (currently amended) The container according to ~~any of the foregoing from claims 14 to 18~~ claim 1, characterised ~~in that the~~ wherein the closing means ~~comprise~~ comprises a longitudinal wall (30).

Claim 20 (currently amended) The container according to claim 19, characterised ~~in that~~ wherein the longitudinal wall of the closing means is a front wall (30).

Claim 21 (currently amended) The container according to ~~any of the foregoing from claims 14 to 20~~ claim 1, characterised ~~in that the~~ wherein the closing means ~~comprise~~ comprises a first and a second side outer wall (32, 34).

Claim 22 (currently amended) The container according to claim 21, characterised ~~in that~~ wherein the outer walls are front side walls (32, 34).

Claim 23 (currently amended) The container according to ~~any of the foregoing claims from 14 to 22~~ claim 1, characterised ~~in that at least one outer wall of the~~ wherein the closing means forms an obtuse angle, ~~that is to say, an angle above 90°~~ with an adjacent outer wall.

Claim 24 (currently amended) The container according to ~~any of the foregoing claims or according to the preamble to~~ claim 1, characterised ~~in that there are~~ comprising connecting means between the closing means (26) and the container body (11).

Claim 25 (currently amended) The container according to claim 24, characterised ~~in that~~ wherein the connecting means comprise a line for connection and rotation (1228, 2117) relative to a corresponding container body outer wall.

Claim 26 (currently amended) The container according to ~~any of the foregoing claims or according to the preamble to~~ claim 1, characterised in that there are comprising retaining means (26) for holding the lid closing means closed.

Claim 27 (currently amended) The container according to claim 26, characterised in that wherein the retaining means for holding the lid closed comprise engagement means located on the closing means ~~or lid (26)~~.

Claim 28 (currently amended) The container according to claim 27, characterised in that wherein the engagement means on the ~~closing means or~~ lid (26) comprise at least one engagement tooth, ~~in particular a first and a second engagement tooth (35, 37)~~.

Claim 29 (currently amended) The container according to claim 28, characterised in that wherein there is a first and a second tooth (35, 37), each extending from a corresponding side wall of the ~~closing means or~~ lid.

Claim 30 (currently amended) The container according to claim 28 ~~or 29~~, characterised in that ~~each retaining~~ wherein the engagement tooth (35, 37) is at the a front outer wall (30) of the ~~closing means or~~ lid.

Claim 31 (currently amended) The container according to claim 29 ~~or 30~~, characterised in that wherein the engagement tooth (35, 37) extends from a front side wall (32, 34) of the ~~closing means or~~ lid.

Claim 32 (currently amended) The container according to ~~any of the foregoing claims from 28 to 31~~ claim 28, characterised in that ~~each~~ wherein the engagement tooth (35, 37) is on an inner face of the front wall (30) of the ~~closing means or~~ lid.

Claims 33-35 (cancelled)

Claim 36 (currently amended) The container according to ~~any of the foregoing from claims 27 to 35~~ claim 27, characterised in that wherein the retaining means on the closing means operate in conjunction with engagement means (39) on the container body (11).

Claim 37 (currently amended) The container according to claim 36, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the engagement means (39) on the container body comprise an engagement tooth or tab (18).

Claims 38-43 (cancelled)

Claim 44 (currently amended) The container according to ~~any of the foregoing claims or according to the preamble to claim 1,~~ ~~characterised in that there are~~ comprising stiffening means for the container body.

Claim 45 (currently amended) The container according to claim 44, ~~characterised in that there are~~ comprising stiffening means for maintaining the container body in the open condition.

Claim 46 (currently amended) The container according to claim ~~44 or 45,~~ ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the stiffening means are located at the product outlet opening (25).

Claim 47 (currently amended) The container according to ~~any of the foregoing claims from 44 to 46~~ claim 44, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the stiffening means are located at one end of the container body.

Claim 48 (currently amended) The container according to ~~any of the foregoing claims from 44 to 47~~ claim 44, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the stiffening means comprise at least one portion (17, 117, 217) extending transversally to the container body.

Claim 49 (currently amended) The container according to ~~any of the foregoing claims or according to the preamble to claim 1~~ claim 44, ~~characterised in that there is~~ comprising a single transversal panel (17, 117, 217) extending from one end of an outer wall and forming the stiffening means.

Claim 50 (currently amended) The container according to claim 49, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the stiffening panel (17) extends from the front outer wall (18).

Claim 51 (currently amended) The container according to claim 49, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the stiffening panel (117, 217) extends from the a rear outer wall (121) of the container body.

Claim 52 (currently amended) The container according to ~~any of the foregoing claims from 44 to 51~~ claim 44, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the stiffening means (17, 117, 217) are connected to at least one of the other outer walls wall of the container.

Claims 53-62 (cancelled)

Claim 63 (currently amended) The container according to ~~any of the foregoing claims or according to the preamble to~~ claim 1, ~~characterised in that there are~~ comprising means for covering the opening in the container body.

Claim 64 (currently amended) The container according to claim 63, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the means for covering the opening extend from the side walls of the container body.

Claim 65 (currently amended) The container according to claim 63 ~~or 64~~, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the means for covering the opening extend from the rear side walls of the container body.

Claim 66 (currently amended) The container according to ~~any of the foregoing claims from 63 to 65~~ claim 63, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the means for covering the opening consist of the transversal panel (17, 117, 217).

Claim 67 (currently amended) The container according to ~~any of the foregoing claims or according to the preamble to~~ claim 1, ~~characterised in that there are~~ comprising opening means (25, 125, 225) with predetermined size.

Claim 68 (currently amended) The container according to claim 67, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the predetermined opening (25, 125, 225) is suitable for allowing a the passage of a predetermined number of pieces of product at a time.

Claim 69 (currently amended) The container according to claim 67 ~~or 68~~, characterised in that wherein the product outlet opening (25) is made in the transversal stiffening and/or covering wall.

Claim 70 (currently amended) The container according to ~~any of the foregoing claims from 67 to 69~~ claim 67, characterised in that wherein the product outlet opening (25, 125, 225) has a predetermined shape and dimensions suitable for the passage of only one piece of product held in the container at a time.

Claim 71 (currently amended) The container according to ~~any of the foregoing claims from 67 to 70~~ claim 67, characterised in that wherein the product outlet opening (25, 125, 225) extends from the a front side (18) of the container body.

Claims 72-73 (cancelled)

Claim 74 (currently amended) The container according to ~~any of the foregoing claims from 67 to 73~~ claim 67, characterised in that the comprising transversal wall (17) for stiffening and/or covering is fixed to the front wall (18) of the container body at two container points (1817a, 1817b) or opposite side sections of the container body.

Claim 75 (currently amended) The container according to ~~any of the foregoing claims from 44 to 74~~ claim 67, characterised in that there are comprising stiffening means for the container in the closed condition.

Claims 76-79 (cancelled)

Claim 80 (currently amended) The container according to ~~any of the foregoing claims or according to the preamble to~~ claim 1, characterised in that at least comprising a first and a second wall, adjacent to one another, are positioned and connected in such a way as to form a “V” shape forming a lid guide for channelling the product.

Claim 81 (currently amended) The container according to ~~any of the foregoing claims or according to the preamble to~~ claim 1, characterised in that wherein the container body

has a wall (18) supporting the lid engagement means (39, 139), which is connected at to at least one side wall, forming an angle other than 90° with said wall.

Claim 82 (currently amended) The container according to claim 81, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the closing means comprises a lid extending from the container body and being connected to it for closing the product outlet opening~~has a wall (18) supporting the lid engagement means (39, 139) (19, 139), which is connected at its longitudinal edges to corresponding side walls (16, 20) forming an obtuse angle, that is to say, an angle greater than 90° with it.~~

Claims 83-85 (cancelled)

Claim 86 (currently amended) A blank for making a container consisting of a container body with an outlet opening through which the product contained in it comes out and a lid for closing the product outlet opening, the blank consisting of a flat sheet, ~~preferably made of~~ ~~cardboard~~, comprising a plurality of panels (12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22) forming the outer walls of the container body, separated from one another by transversal pre-creasing or fold lines (1214, 1416, 1618, 1820, 2022), the blank also comprising a panel (28) extending from a transversal end of a side panel (12) to form a lid (26) upper closing wall; ~~the blank being characterised in that the panel forming the lid (26) upper wall has a polygonal profile, having a first and a second outer edge (2832, 2834) on the side opposite that from which the panel forming the lid outer wall (12) extends; and also characterised in that there is a first and a second outer panel forming lid side walls (32, 34), the side panels (32, 34) extending from the side edges (2832, 2834) of the lid upper panel, on the side opposite the one on which the upper panel (28) is connected to the panel forming the outer wall (12) of the container body.~~

Claim 87 (currently amended) The blank according to claim 86, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the panel forming the lid upper closing wall (28) has a hexagonal profile.

Claim 88 (currently amended) The blank according to claim 87, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the panel forming the lid upper closing wall (28) has a hexagonal profile with regular sides.

Claim 89 (currently amended) The blank according to ~~any of the foregoing claims from 86 to 88 or according to the preamble to~~ claim 86, characterised in that it comprises comprising another side panel (21, 121), which is glued to the rear panel (12) and which is used to join the rear panel (12) to the side panel (22) of the container body.

Claim 90 (currently amended) The blank according to ~~any of the foregoing claims from 86 to 89 or according to the preamble to~~ claim 86, characterised in that it comprises comprising a panel (17, 117, 217) forming container body stiffening means which extends from a transversal end of an outer wall (18, 121) of the container body.

Claim 91 (currently amended) The blank according to ~~any of the foregoing claims from 86 to 90 or according to the preamble to~~ claim 86, characterised in that it comprises comprising a panel forming a side or front longitudinal wall (30) of the lid, extending from the panel (28) forming the lid upper wall, through a pre-creasing or fold line (2830) on the side opposite that from which the panel (28) extends from the outer panel of the container body.

Claim 92 (currently amended) The blank according to ~~any of the foregoing claims from 86 to 91 or according to the preamble to~~ claim 86, characterised in that there is comprising a first (35) and a second (37) panel forming a respective retaining tooth for holding the lid on the container body, the teeth each extending from a panel (32, 34) forming the lid front side walls, to which they are connected by fold or pre-creasing lines (3235, 3437).

Claim 93 (currently amended) The blank according to ~~any of the foregoing claims from 86 to 92 or according to the preamble to~~ claim 86, characterised in that there is comprising a tab (39) extending from an upper edge or pre-creasing line (1839) of the outer wall (18) of the container body.

Claim 94 (currently amended) The blank according to ~~any of the foregoing claims from 86 to 93 or according to the preamble to~~ claim 86, characterised in that there are comprising tabs (43, 47, 49, 51, 147, 149) extending, through pre-creasing or fold lines (1443, 1647, 2049, 2251), from rear and front side walls (14, 16, 20, 22), forming means for connecting the

transversal stiffening wall (~~17, 117, 217~~) to the front side walls (~~16, 20~~) and to the rear side walls (~~14, 22~~) of the container body.

Claim 95 (currently amended) The blank according to ~~any of the foregoing claims from 86 to 94 or according to the preamble to claim 86, characterised in that~~ wherein the stiffening panel (~~17, 117, 217~~) has a shaped edge (~~25', 125', 225'~~), ~~in particular arched, forming opening means with predetermined extension.~~